

15 ENTER CITY COUNCIL RACE

Filing Deadline Today at Noon

With the approach of today's noon filing deadline for the City Council election, 15 political hopefuls appeared at the starting line-up ready to swing lustily into action.

In addition to the 13 who had already filed their declarations by press time, five others had taken out petitions but had not yet returned them. Three City Council posts will be contested in the April election.

They are presently occupied by Councilmen Victor Benstead, Nick Drale, and Mervin Schwab.

Both Drale and Benstead have filed petitions to run for reelection. Schwab indicated that he will not seek another term because of occupational responsibilities.

Some of the other candidates have run in previous elections. Others have held various city appointments.

Back for another try at a council seat are Frank W. Burk, of 5104 Zakon road, who is a furniture salesman; George W. Downing, of 1511 Crenshaw, a dispatch clerk; and Jack E. White, 3930 W. 176th street.

Others Also in the running are W. A. Garrahrant, 305 Camino de Las Colinas, a general contractor and on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce; Beverly B. Smith, 1108 B Cravens ave., superintendent of service supply and former president of the Planning Commission; and Robert B. Jahn, of 440 Via Linda Vista dr., builder and member of the Airport Commission.

Other candidates include G. E. (Bill) Evans, 1229 Beech, retired sergeant of the Torrance police department; Walter G. Ryan, 1513 Marcelina, machinist; James E. Thompson, 2031 Gramercy ave., surveyor's assistant and formerly with the Torrance police department; Frank H. Frohnhoefer, 1116 Hickory, self-employed; W. E. King, Jr., 1751 Greenwood, advertising consultant; Gordon Lewis, 333 Avenida Atezada, welder; and Thelma Ledwige, 5124 Macafee rd.

Not Yet Filed Those who have taken out declarations but had not filed them yet at press time include: Jack L. White, 4101 W. 183rd st., Mrs. Ladeene Chamberlain, 1330 Engracia, on leave of absence as secretary to the city manager; Mrs. Beverly Faren, 2329 W. 237th st., and Norma Ritter, 1305 Florwood ave. (Who allegedly only took out the petition for Jahn).

FLIGHT: Duane L. Hansen, 20, of Redondo, will appear for his preliminary hearing today on charges of passing fictitious checks. He was nabbed while assertedly trying to purchase a ticket to Mexico at the Torrance Airport.

DIES: Funeral services were held Monday for Cecil William Smith, 53, former city inspector. He died suddenly at his home, 3625 Emerald street.

DUMP: Overruling an appeal by Rolling Hills residents, the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday voted for establishment of a huge regional dump along Crenshaw boulevard north of Palos Verdes North.

HYPNOTISM: Jim Whittier, who appeared on Paul Coates' program, "Confidential File," two weeks ago, the subject of an experiment in age regression which allegedly took him back to a previous life 100 years ago, was unable to appear on the program last Sunday because of the death of his mother who died a week ago today.

FACES TRIAL: Sylvester Ruiz, 23, must face trial on charges of forcible rape of two girls, one 13 the other 15 years old. Trial is set for February 20 in Long Beach. The attacks allegedly took place at 203rd street and Arlington.

Jaycees to Host District Bids to hold the '37 State Junior Chamber convention in Catalina will be discussed at the quarterly district meeting to be held at the Torrance American Legion hall February 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Torrance Jaycees will host the 10 clubs constituting district 12. President Phil Lisman will preside.

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Here's I Gal Who's Sold On Her Work Mrs. Kenneth Hoskins is really sold on the product she sells — Torrance Press classified ads. Mrs. Hoskins, a Torrance Press classified sales girl, placed her own ad in the Press last week.

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Chief Agrees to Promote 2 Men in Fire Dep't Row

Bowing to overwhelming pressure, Chief J. J. Benner last Thursday agreed to promote two firemen whom he had continually by-passed although they have been among the top three on the eligibility list.

"I think that you're a big man," Mayor Albert Isen exclaimed as the chief announced his intentions in the tense atmosphere of the council chamber filled with firemen eagerly awaiting the chief's decision. "I believe that your decision is good for the department, the city, and Civil Service and I think you ought to be congratulated."

School Board Boosts Teachers' Salaries

Torrance teachers, drilled in all the intricacies of modern education, needed only a knowledge of simple arithmetic this week to discover that they will be from \$36 to \$50 a month richer from now on.

This is the result of action taken by the Torrance Board of Education which approved a general hike of teachers' salaries.

Salary schedule changes which were unanimously adopted include the following:

- 1) Elimination of the two-year requirement at the first step of the certificated salary schedule and a \$50 increase for each step.
- 2) Increase of the hourly rate for Torrance Adult Education instructors from \$4.25 per hour to \$4.50 per hour.
- 3) Payment of teachers on a 12 calendar month assignment for 22 days work each month at the rate to which they would be entitled as a teacher on a school month basis.
- 4) Amendment of the teachers' salary schedule qualifications to permit a teacher to complete the ultimate requirements for a higher classification in summer school as long as official verification of units is in the personnel office by September 1 and prior request was filed by April 15.

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Civic Center Subdivision Under Study

Rural and urban conflicts clashed again, this time over a proposed subdivision near the new civic center which lies a stone's throw away from land occupied for agricultural purposes.

Final action on a tentative tract map submitted by Bert M. Lynn was held up by the City Council awaiting clarification of drainage and street width problems.

Plans for the proposed subdivision are under study.

Aluminum Firm Adds Tube Mill

General Aluminum corporation this week announced that it has bought the petroleum interests in the Westube corporation of Oakland and has moved the facilities to the Torrance location at 2221 West Jefferson street.

Westube, whose name has been changed to General Tube, now a subsidiary of General Aluminum, will be the only aluminum fusion welded tube mill in California, officials disclosed. It will serve such industries as irrigation, television, furniture, petroleum, and household appliances.

The mill, which is 95 per cent automatic, is expected to be in operation by March 1.

General Aluminum, an independent aluminum strip rolling mill, moved to Torrance from Los Angeles in September. It occupies a 2½ acre site.

General Tube anticipated \$5 million in annual sales, it was disclosed.

Addressing the audience, Isen said, "I would like to see you give the chief a vote of confidence."

With the correction of the long-smouldering grievances and out of respect for the chief's action, firemen released their feelings in a round of applause.

The chief, who had announced his intentions succinctly before the council, retired without saying another word, overcome by deep and obviously mixed emotions.

As a result of Thursday's actions, Engineers B. C. Stonecker and Milton Langum were promoted to captain. The two men had been by-passed five and seven times, respectively.

Their present eligibility would have expired Tuesday.

The promotions of Engineers John Agapito and D. C. Minor which were previously announced by the chief were set aside.

There was considerable discussion among council members on various aspects of the promotional issue.

The council approved a new promotion policy which would require the promotional authority (in this case, the chief) to make the promotion from among the top three individuals on the eligibility list.

One stipulation is that no one among the top three may be passed over more than twice.

This policy statement was submitted by City Manager George Stevens and ordered incorporated into the Civil Service ordinance by the council.

Councilman Nick Drale voted against it, sticking with his original stand that the number one man on the eligibility list should be promoted.

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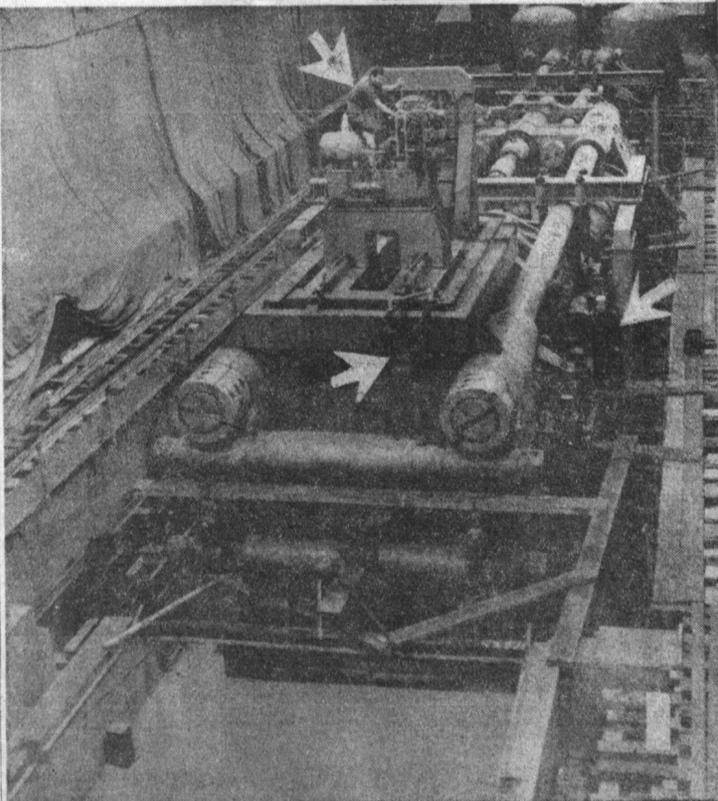
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MAMMOTH PRESS... The West's first press installation under the U. S. Air Force Heavy Press program reaches final assembly stage at the Harvey Aluminum plant in Torrance. From this 8000 ton capacity hydraulic extrusion press, Harvey will produce large, one-piece airframe shapes to supplant conventional fabricating methods of riveting, welding, and bolting many small components. Dimensions of the 8000 ton unit — a companion to a 12,000 ton extrusion press also being installed at Harvey Aluminum are: overall length 288 feet, height, 20 feet, width 21 feet, and weight 4,000,000 pounds. Note men in the picture (arrows).

PEA NEARLY CHOKES TOT

An 11-month-old baby, who had a cooked pea lodged in her throat, was rushed to a Long Beach hospital for an emergency operation Tuesday night.

Recovering after nearly suffocating from the accident is Janet Gail Mason, 1730 West 242nd place, Lomita. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mason.

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City Goes Off Into Wild Blue Yonder Over Airport Fund Inquest

Plans to uncover some fancy financial soloing with airport funds only developed into a demonstration of straight and simple mathematical piloting which appeared beyond reproach.

Following some intensive nose-diving by the Airport Commission into Torrance Airport expenditures and accounting, commissioners came up with the recommendation that the airport manager return a total of \$13,641.24 which allegedly had been expended for "supervision."

This was considered unjustified since such expense should be included under "overhead" with no extra money being withdrawn for "supervision."

While members of the City Council went into various individual tailspins over the matter, ranging from suicide dives to freezing at the controls, City Manager George Stevens proceeded to send out anti-crash instructions.

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Post Office Change for Carson Area Under Study

The possibility of unifying the Carson area through the official use of the term Carson for postal purposes as well as having all mail channeled through one post office was discussed Monday night at a meeting of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

Pros and cons were heard on having all mail channeled through the Wilmington office instead of having it handled by three different offices (Torrance, Gardena, and Wilmington) as is now the case.

While no official action was taken at this time, the general feeling seemed to be favorable toward using the Wilmington postoffice exclusively.

Chamber officials thought that local organizations, businessmen, and residents should think about the matter first before any final action is taken.

Advantages Cited K. E. Post and Floyd McKean, postal inspectors, informed the audience of the advantages resulting from using a single post-office.

Both pointed out that the Postoffice Department will abide by the wishes of the community and that no attempt is being made to force a change upon residents of the area.

The inspectors pointed out that the Wilmington office would have an easier time handling Carson mail than the Torrance postoffice which is already overburdened.

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CARSON UNIFICATION?... The possibility of having the Carson area so designated officially for postal purposes and also having all Carson mail processed through the Wilmington post office from now on was discussed at a meeting of the Carson Chamber of Commerce Monday. Attending were (l-r) Postal Inspectors K. E. Post and Floyd McKean who pointed out some of the advantages; John D. Calas, Chamber president; and Rome Gateley, retired letter carrier, who opposed the proposal.—Press Photo

TORRANCE Y.M.C.A. 1956 CAMPAIGN			
SAM LEVY, General Chairman		GOAL \$17,000	
RALPH MORRIS, President Y.M.C.A.			
DIVISIONS	GOAL	PREVIOUS TO DAY	TOTAL TO GET
INDUSTRIAL	10,000		
C.C. MORGAN, Ch.			
COMMERCIAL	3,000		
ED RAPHAEL, Ch.			
PROFESSIONAL	3,000		
DR. JOHN BEEMAN, Ch.			
FIELD	1,000		
MRS. ELLA SCHWARTZ, Director			
TOTALS	17,000		

ALL-OUT DRIVE... Enthusiasm ran high for putting the YMCA fund raising drive over the top when campaign leaders met at a kick-off dinner last week. The goal has been set at \$17,000. Pointing to their quotas are some of the participating chairmen (l-r) Dr. John Be-

man, professional; C. C. Morgan, industrial; Ed Raphael, commercial (and Paul Diamond, not shown); local YMCA president Ralph Morris; Mrs. Ella Schwartz, field; and Sam Levy, general chairman.—Press Photo.

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